REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	27 November 2002
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Untitled aka Divine Miracles Lagos Part 15
Other Known Title(s):	Not Stated
Director(s):	Not Stated
Producer(s):	Not Stated
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author(s):	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Recording VHS/PAL
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language(s):	English, French, Nigerian

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Untitled aka Divine Miracles Lagos Part 15	Running time:	120.12
Trailers:	Nil	Running time:	
		Total Running time:	120.12

Excision/Alteration: No Excisions Recommended.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.

Display Conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Contains content that may disturb.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: 26 November 2002

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The untitled video recording known as *Divine Miracles Lagos Part 15* is classified as:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.

The video recording documents work by Prophet T.B. Joshua as people are apparantly miraculously healed during worship at the "Synagogue Church of All Nations" in Nigeria. As part of this documentation, there are depictions of people suffering from various afflictions including cancer and what is termed "body poisoning". Some of these depictions are of a graphic and disturbing nature.

The publication was submitted to the Office of Film and Literature Classification (Classification Office) by the Department of Internal Affairs as a result of a complaint by a member of the public. The publication has been considered under the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act), and falls under s3(1) of that Act in that it is a matter of horror. Some of the images contained on the video recording are of a horrific nature and considered likely to be harmful to younger viewers due to the shocking and disturbing nature of these depictions. The unrestricted availability of the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good. Restricting the publication to an audience of older teenagers and adults will prevent this likely injury.

The distributor for this publication submitted to the Classification Office that the publication is exempt from classification under s8(1) of the FVPC Act. S8(1) does not apply to this publication as it has been found to be a restricted publication.

The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 has been considered in relation to this publication. The classification represents the minimum interference with the freedom of expression consistent with preventing likely injury to the public good.

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